Recidivism Rates within One and Two Year Follow-up Periods for Felons Paroled to California Supervision California Department of Corrections Released from Prison for First Time in 1999¹ By Principal Commitment Offense

		Returned within: ²			
Principal	Number	One Year		Two Years ³	
Commitment Offense	Paroled	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Murder First (old law)4	2				
Murder First (new law) ⁴	0				
Murder Second (new law) ⁴	1				
Manslaughter	435			169	38.85%
Vehicular Manslaughter	168			40	23.81%
Robbery	3,884				
Assault/Deadly WP	2,586		41.45%	1,450	56.07%
Attempted Murder First ⁴	3				
Attempted Murder Second	268			126	
Other Assault/Battery	3,196			1,885	
Rape	256			121	47.27%
Lewd Act With Child	927	245	26.43%	337	36.35%
Oral Copulation	93			41	44.09%
Sodomy	25			7	28.00%
Sexual Penetration with Object	50			22	44.00%
Other Sex	676			424	62.72%
Kidnapping	191	51	26.70%	80	41.88%
Burglary First	2,232			1,380	
Burglary Second	3,540			2,249	63.53%
Grand Theft	1,594			858	53.83%
Petty Theft With Prior	3,796			2,596	
Receiving Stolen Property	1,715			1,129	65.83%
Vehicle Theft	2,470			1,765	71.46%
Forgery/Fraud	1,284			650	50.62%
Other Property	365			174	47.67%
CS Possession	12,192			7,617	62.48%
CS Possession for Sale	6,455 2,701			2,643 1,059	40.95%
CS Sales CS Manufacturing	1,064			363	39.21% 34.12%
CS Other	367	181		213	58.04%
Hashish Possession ⁴	17		47.3470	413	J0.U470
Marijuana Possession for Sale	756		32.67%	325	42.99%
Marijuana Possession for Sale Marijuana Sale	430			189	42.99%
Marijuana Sale Marijuana Other	85			30	
Escape	142			106	
Driving Under Influence	1,594		27.04%	627	39.34%
Arson	132			75	56.82%
Possession Weapon	2,131			1,393	
Other Offenses	1,499			807	53.84%
TOTAL	59,322		43.24%		
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First releases to parole include those paroled for the first time from prison on a new admission to prison and paroled for the first time following return to prison with a new court commitment.

² Returns to prison on new court commitments following discharge on this parole are not included.

³ Returns within two years include returns within one year.

⁴ Percentages not computed for less than 20 releases to parole. Totals include numbers not shown.

DEFINITIONS AND FORMULAS

Recidivist: A felon who commits another offense.

Recidivism rate: The ratio of the number who recidivate to the number at risk of recidivating during a particular period.

Release period: A calendar year.

First release to parole: The first release to parole for felon new admissions and parole violators returned with a new term (PV-WNT).

Return to prison: Includes felons who are returned to Substance-Abuse Treatment-Control Units in correctional facilities; returned pending a revocation hearing by the Board of Prison Terms on charges of violating the conditions of parole; returned to custody for parole violations to serve revocation time; or returned to prison by a court for a new felony conviction.

Follow-up rate: The percentage of felons released to parole in California during a particular period that are returned to prison for any reason during a specified follow-up period.

Example rate= $(26,092/60,179) \times 100=43.36\%$

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